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DANGEROUS CHILDREN

Disturbed, retarded or handicapped children who do not receive treatment early in life may grow up to commit violent acts against other people.

THESE THREE MEN HAD DISTURBED CHILDHOODS

LEE HARVEY OSWALD: JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN KILLED SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY.

ARTHUR H. BREMER SHOT GOV. WALLACE.

So declares Prof. James J. Gallagher, director of the Frank P. Graham Child Development Center at the University of North Carolina.

At a recent meeting of the Education Commission of the Southeastern States in Atlanta, Professor Gallagher pointed to the evidence of assassins and mass murderers, who typically manifest signs of their disturbance in childhood.

"The mass murderer, the psychotic assassin," he declared, "is too familiar a figure in our society. The failure to recognize and treat such problems early results in snuffing out the lives of many productive and innocent citizens."

One out of every 10 U.S. children, over 6 million in all, experts estimate, have problems which limit their ability to cope with modern society. A disturbed child who receives the proper treatment, however, may grow up to lead a productive and useful life, instead of becoming a financial and emotional drain on his family and a danger to others.

"When calculating a cost-benefit analysis," Professor Ga points out, not forget what the co not providing t service."